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Case 8194

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

MARK JAMES KLINE ET AL.

Serial No. 09/633,422

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Group Art Unit: 3761

Examiner:

For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH IMPROVED FASTENING SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 15 March 2002, applicants hereby respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete and replace the designated paragraphs with the replacement paragraphs in clean form herewith submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii). The location of each paragraph to be deleted and replaced is identified on the pages of replacement paragraphs in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(i). In addition, as required by 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), this amendment is accompanied by another version of the replacement paragraphs marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraphs. The above amendments are to provide more consistent terminology throughout the specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2, 5-8, 10, 11, 16 and 17.

Please amend Claims 1, 3-4, 12-13, 15 and 18 and add new claims 19-37 according to the clean version of the entire set of pending claims herewith submitted in a single paper in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3). Each amended claim therein rewritten is indicated by the parenthetical expression "amended" following the claim number, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i).

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